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1921

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator
FRANK J. WOODUS

Selectmen
FRANK J. WOODUS WILLIAM R. WENTWORTH
CHARLES A. WITHAM

Treasurer
JAMES L. COOK

Clerk
JOHN ROBINSON

School Board
JOHN ROBINSON CHARLES WILLEY
WALLACE LANG

Librarian
MARY COLMAN

Health Officer
JOHN ROBINSON

Auditors
STEPHEN H. HUTCHINS JOSEPH CHURCHILL

Constable
GROVER C. BROWN

Ballot Clerks
CHARLES WILLEY SYLVESTER L. SHORTRIDGE
STEPHEN H. HUTCHINS WILSON COLMAN
OSCAR T. PLUMMER A. FRANK GARNEY

WARRANT FOR THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, MARCH 8, 1921

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Brookfield in the [L.S] *County of Carroll, in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall, in said Brookfield, on Tuesday, the eighth (8th) day of March, next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon to act upon the following subjects:

(1) To choose all necessary Town officers for the year ensuing.

(2) To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations of the same.

(3) To see what the Town will vote to pay for labor on the Highway.

(4) To see what the Town will vote to raise for the extermination of the pine blister rust and gypsy moth.

(5) To see if the Town will vote to accept State aid for highways, and appropriate sufficient money for same.

(6) To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of one thousand dollars ($1,000) for two years, if the State will raise the same amount, to build State aid road.

(7) To see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of one hundred dollars ($100) for Tumble Down Dick Road, and one hundred dollars ($100) for Tibbeth Hill, if the State will raise the same amount.

(8) To elect three Selectmen—one for three years, one for two years, and one for one year.

(9) To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands and seal the nineteenth day of February in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and twenty-one.

FRANK J. WOODUS,
W. R. WENTWORTH,
CHARLES A. WITHAM,
Selectmen of Brookfield.

INVENTORY FOR 1920

Land and buildings	$199,790.00	
Horses (63)	7,690.00	
Oxen (10)	1,040.00	
Cows (130)	8,646.00	
Neat Stock (45)	2,296.00	
Sheep (47)	470.00	
Hogs (2)	40.00	
Fowl	600.00	
Portable mills (4)	1,550.00	
Boats	300.00	
Bonds and notes	1,475.00	
Wood and lumber	17,975.00	
Water privileges	3,600.00	
Total		$245,472.00
Rate	$3.15	
Committed to Collector	$8,095.34	
Amount exempted to soldiers	$1,243.00	

APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE TOWN FROM FEB. 1, 1920, TO JAN. 31, 1921

State Tax		$780.00	
State War Service Tax		104.45	
County Tax		620.00	
			$1,504.45
State Aid:			
Maintenance work, State	$100.00		
Maintenance work, Town		$100.00	
Construction, State	$236.40		
Construction, Town		394.50	

Tumble Down Dick Road:			
Special appropriation	$100.00		
Special appropriation		100.00	
Town expense		700.00	
Summer Highway		1,000.00	
Cutting bushes and work on bridges		250.00	
Winter Highway bills to Feb. 1, 1920		109.46	
Winter Highway bills after Feb. 1, 1920		1,200.00	
			$3,853.96

School Money

School money to Aug. 31, 1920	$1,050.00	
From Sept. 1, 1920, to Aug. 31, 1921:		
Five percent of Inventory	$1,227.36	
Extra items	266.00	
		$2,543.36
		$7,901.77

ASSETS JANUARY 31, 1921

Cash in hands of Treasurer		$427.48	
Unexpended balances in State Treasury:			
State Aid Maintenance of Aid Fund		97.29	
Tumble Down Dick Road—special appro.		84.03	
Other bills due town:			
State Aid—Construction		118.00	
Fire bills, 1919	$16.80		
1920	7.25		
		24.05	
Bridge plank on hand		125.00	
Total Assets			$875.85

LIABILITIES

Due to schools, dog licenses	4.75
Net Assets	$871.10

INVENTORY OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall leads and buildings	$3,000.00	
Furniture and equipment	500.00	
Library:		
Furniture and equipment	1,000.00	
Highway Department:		
Snow roller	100.00	
Road machines	200.00	
Road scrapers	75.00	
		$4,875.00

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Receipts

Charles Willey, Collector	$8,095.34	
State Highway Dept.—last year	108.13	
Frank J. Woodus, automobile license	89.89	
State Highway Dept.—1920	177.49	
Oscar Plummer, surveyor, overdrawn	12.50	
Dog licenses	29.75	
Wolfeboro Bank	1,000.00	
Frank J. Woodus	200.00	
Railroad Tax	86.98	
Savings Bank Tax	222.12	
		$10,022.20

Expenditures

Town Debt	$74.94	
Town officers	361.00	
Tumble Down Dick, joint fund	52.75	
Fire Department	14.50	
Other government divisions	4,201.21	
Town Hall expense	30.00	
Dog damage	25.00	
State Aid—construction	786.53	
Summer Highway bills	528.84	
Winter Highway bills	1,669.77	
State Aid—maintenance, joint fund	26.68	
Highway expense	201.31	
Election registration	148.80	
Town officers' expense	58.03	
Note to Wolfeboro Bank	1,000.00	
Note to Frank J. Woodus	200.00	
Running Town lines	32.00	
Abatements	37.11	
Interest on note	37.50	
Recording Vital Statistics	1.75	
Police Department	3.00	
Cemeteries	4.00	
		$9,594.72
Cash on hand to balance		427.48
		$10,022.20

PAID TOWN OFFICERS

Frank J. Woodus, Selectman	$78.00
William R. Wentworth, Selectman	78.00
Charles A. Witham, Selectman	74.00
James L. Cook, Town Treasurer	30.00

John F. Robinson, Town Clerk	25.00	
Frank J. Woodus, Moderator	9.00	
Charles Willey, Collector	50.00	
Joseph Churchill, Auditor	2.00	
Stephen H. Hutchins, Auditor	2.00	
John F. Robinson, Health Officer	3.00	
Mary Colman, Librarian	10.00	
		$361.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSE

Edson C. Eastman, Collector's book	$1.54	
John F. Robinson, postage and stationery	1.50	
Frank J. Woodus	27.15	
Charles Willey, expense of trip to Manchester	13.00	
Wm. R. Wentworth, expense of trip to Manchester	9.00	
James L. Cook, making report for printer	4.00	
Town office	1.84	
		$58.03

ELECTION REGISTRATION

Lester L. Churchill, Inspector of Check List	$18.00	
Warren J. Stevens, Inspector of Check List	18.00	
Henry W. Peavey, Inspector of Check List	18.00	
Charles Willey, Inspector of Ballots	6.00	
Sylvester L. Shortridge, Inspector of Ballots	6.00	
Stephen H. Hutchins, Inspector of Ballots	9.00	
Wilson Colman, Inspector of Ballots	9.00	
Oscar T. Plummer, Inspector of Ballots	3.00	
A. Frank Garney, Inspector of Ballots	3.00	
Carroll Piper	58.80	
		$148.80

SUMMER HIGHWAY BILLS

Frank H. Wiggin	$15.33	
Harry L. Lang	12.30	
Warren J. Stevens	9.60	
John L. Hutchins	20.25	
Oscar T. Plummer	234.85	
Charles A. Witham	20.71	
Howard W. Burroughs	12.60	
Otto Mattson	19.20	
Frank J. Woodus	87.68	
Ida Rideout, grade	3.20	
Walter W. Sanborn	4.20	
Frank Ferguson	3.00	
Everett J. Tibbets	6.50	
Henry W. Peavey	6.00	
Sylvester L. Shortridge	7.80	
Lester L. Churchill	6.60	
Stephen H. Hutchins	4.80	
C. Tracy Willey	4.60	
Charles Willey	12.92	
Frank J. Woodus	4.00	
James E. Clark	6.00	
Harry L. Lang	26.70	
		$528.84

WINTER HIGHWAY BILLS

Everett J. Tibbetts	$75.75
Charles H. Tutt	63.92
Fred H. Elliott	256.00
Howard W. Burroughs, Jr.	19.65
Howard W. Burroughs	29.25
Charles I. Churchill	64.63
Reginald E. Wentworth	24.30
Albert S. Wentworth	24.60

Charles H. Elliott	18.00	
A. Frank Garney	120.00	
Otto Mattson	20.40	
Godfrey Mattson	11.85	
Harry L. Lang	24.15	
Charles A. Witham	34.47	
Orrin Sanborn	14.55	
Walter Sanborn	5.40	
Herbert R. Rines	18.90	
John L. Hutchins	53.71	
Langdon D. Brown	13.35	
Charles H. Tutt	11.76	
Fred H. Elliott	24.00	
George A. Tibbetts	14.55	
Amasa Cate	5.40	
Albert Cate	6.60	
C. Tracy Willey	50.08	
Charles Willey, Collector, snow bills	378.46	
Henry W. Peavey	6.00	
Charles Elliott	.90	
George Boston	4.35	
Grover C. Brown	21.75	
Albert S. Shortridge	23.70	
Ralph S. Shortridge	8.02	
Sylvester L. Shortridge	6.75	
Charles Willey	87.53	
Stephen H. Hutchins	8.10	
Charles R. Smith	7.05	
John E. Drew	5.10	
James L. Cook	28.52	
Oscar T. Plummer	5.40	
Robert Stevenson	.90	
Elihu Rines	31.20	
James E. Clark	40.77	
		$1,669.77

HIGHWAY EXPENSE

Roland R. Stevens, repairs on road machine	$5.00	
John W. Matthews, public watering place	3.00	
Charles Willey, public watering place	3.00	
Good Roads Machine Co., road hone	30.25	
Express on road hone	4.75	
J. W. Garvin & Co.	1.50	
Mayhew C. Clark, bridge plank	153.81	
		$201.31

STATE AID MAINTENANCE, JOINT FUND

Charles Willey	$6.75	
C. Tracy Willey	3.08	
Howard Burroughs	2.85	
Frank J. Woodus	14.00	
		$26.68

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Fred Churchill	$7.67	
John L. Hutchins	33.54	
Ludger Lavertu	55.00	
Warren J. Stevens	60.34	
Charles A. Witham	14.00	
James E. Clark	35.00	
Wallace F. Lang	157.88	
Otto Mattson	49.49	
Carl Hanson	60.00	
Otto Hanson	60.00	
Harry L. Lang	59.00	
Frank J. Woodus	154.34	
Frank H. Wiggin	40.27	
		$786.53

TUMBLE DOWN DICK, JOINT FUND

Charles Willey	$11.70	
C. Tracy Willey	5.10	
Howard Burroughs	2.25	
Langdon D. Brown	5.10	
Charles Tutt	28.60	
		$52.75
Note to Wolfboro Bank	$1,000.00	
Frank J. Woodus	200.00	
		$1,200.00

RUNNING TOWN LINE

Frank J. Woodus	$12.00	
William R. Wentworth	12.00	
Charles Willey	8.00	
		$32.00

ABATEMENTS

Charles Willey, loss of ox	$2.20	
Esmond Hayes, out of town	5.00	
William F. Nutt, in service	3.00	
James Perry, paid in Wakefield	5.00	
Mrs. Arthur Stackpole	9.45	
Mountain Lake Camp, over-taxed	9.00	
James L. Cook, loss of cow and neat stock	3.46	
		$37.11

INTEREST

On note to Wolfeboro Bank	$37.50

John F. Robinson, reporting vital statistics	$1.75

CEMETERIES

Flags for cemeteries	$4.00

POLICE DEPT.

Grover C. Brown	$3.00

DOG DAMAGE

Stephen H. Hutchins, two sheep killed by dogs	$25.00

FIRE DEPT.

Thomas J. Tibbetts, going to fire	$1.50	
Harry L. Lang, going to fire	1.50	
Frank J. Woodus, going to fire	1.50	
Wallace F. Lang, going to fire	1.50	
Leon F. Tibbetts, going to fire	1.50	
Wallace F. Lang, Fire Warden	7.00	
		$14.50

OTHER GOVERNMENTAL DIVISIONS

John W. Plummer, 67 poll taxes	$134.00	
John W. Plummer, state tax	884.00	
Charles E. Smart, county tax	620.45	
James L. Cook, school treasurer	2,562.76	
		$4,201.21

TOWN HALL EXPENSE

A. C. Milliken, insurance Town Hall	$20.00	
Charles Willey, wood for Town Hall	10.00	
		$30.00

Having carefully examined the foregoing accounts, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

STEPHEN H. HUTCHINS,
JOSEPH CHURCHILL,
Auditors of Brookfield.

Brookfield, Feb. 12, 1921.

SCHOOL REPORT

Received for School Purposes

From James L. Cook, school treasurer	$152.47	
" James L. Cook, Town Treasurer, school money	1,050.00	
" Selectmen, dog licenses	19.40	
" State	608.62	
" Town of Wakefield, tuition of scholars	32.00	
		$1,862.49

Paid for School Purposes

Grace Fogg, teaching four weeks, Stoneham School	$60.00	
Marian Harper, teaching 11 weeks, Stoneham School, spring term	165.00	
Henrietta Schmidt, teaching 13 weeks, Hackett School, spring term	195.00	
Eva C. Willey, teaching 16 weeks, Churchill School, spring term	240.00	
		$660.00
Eva C. Willey, janitor services	$8.00	
Henrietta Schmidt, janitor services—33 wks.	16.50	
Mrs. Eli Nute, janitor services, and cleaning after carpenter	8.50	
M. G. Mattson, member of School Board, 1919	10.00	
Rochester Lumber Co., 13 windows and frames for the three school houses	99.15	
T. W. Whitlock, putting windows in Stoneham School	22.50	
John C. Plummer, carfare of Mary J. Cass	11.80	
Edson C. Eastman, school supplies	26.00	
J. L. Hammett Co., school supplies	.56	
American Book Co., school supplies	5.13	

The Arlo Publishing Co., school supplies	4.62	
Rand-McNally Co., school supplies	1.25	
Milton Bradley Co., school supplies	2.30	
Little, Brown & Co., school supplies	4.40	
Stone & Forsyth Co., school supplies	2.00	
American Book Co., school supplies	1.17	
Charles Witham, freight on shingles and hauling same	11.03	
John F. Chick & Son, 12*m* shingles for Hackett School, and casing for Stoneham school	123.71	
Fred W. Dudley, administration expense	8.42	
Rochester Lumber Co., lumber for repairs on Churchill and Hackett Schools	37.89	
Langdon D. Brown, labor on school house	33.50	
Charles Willey, labor on Churchill School; J. W. Garvin & Co., supplies	14.59	
Repairing Churchill School, and one cord of wood	26.00	
Wallace F. Lang, salary as School Board to 1920	10.00	
Mrs. L. S. Edwards, medical inspection	30.00	
Wakefield School district	37.35	
		$1,216.37
Amount received		1,862.49
Cash on hand		$646.12

JAMES L. COOK,
School Treasurer.

Having carefully examined the foregoing accounts, we find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

STEPHEN H. HUTCHINS,
JOSEPH CHURCHILL,
Auditors of Brookfield.

Brookfield, Feb. 12, 1921.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the School Board of Brookfield,

Gentlemen: It gives me pleasure to submit my second report as Superintendent of your schools. The statistical report covers the school year ending Aug. 31, 1920. The other matters of a general nature belong in part to that year and in part to the present school year.

The following table should receive careful study and consideration:

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING AUG. 31, 1920

School	*Teacher*	Ttl. No. Enrolled	Av. Membership	P.C. of Attendance	No. Tardy	No. Wks. Session
Churchill	Mrs. Eva. C. Willey	13	11	90	15	36
Hackett	Henrietta Schmidt	11	7	87	63	33
Stoneham	Mrs. Ethel M. Adjutant					
	Marion Harper	14	9	90	9	30
Av. totals		38	27	89	87	33

From this table you will see that the percent of attendance for all the schools for the year was 89. This is not a bad showing, considering the fact that all our schools are rural and the schildren scattered. The average attendance for the entire state last year was 92. This average, of course, includes both rural and village schools. However, I feel that we should not be satisfied with our record, and that the percentage should have been considerably higher. It appears from the registers, that some

families have not done their full duty in the matter of insisting upon the regular and constant attendance of their children. The convenience to the family of keeping a child at home for several days at one time, or for two or three days per week, to assist in the household or upon the farm, is not to be considered. Legally every child should be in school *all the time the school is in session,* and no parent should keep a child away from school except for sickness, unless the occasion be one of extreme necessity.

The table also shows an excessive number of tardinesses, especially in the Hackett School. Parents should see to it that their children are not only regular, but also punctual in their attendance. I earnestly ask the coöperation of parents with teachers in correcting the faults which I have mentioned.

Last year it became necessary to shorten the school year in the Hackett and Stoneham Schools. In the Hackett School this was due to the fact that it was necessary for the teacher to attend Plymouth Normal School during the month of February, and to the unusual depth of snowfall, which prevented the reopening of the school in March. At the Stoneham school we were obliged to change teachers in the middle of the year, at a time when no unemployed teachers were to be found. A prolonged vacation was thus made necessary, and the shortened school year was a natural consequence.

The fact that the Churchill School was in session 36 weeks has positively shown that it is neither unreasonable nor difficult to run the schools for a full 36 weeks. This year all the schools were opened early. There have been no interruptions up to this time, and we should be able to complete a full 36-week year before the end of June.

In grading, our schools are not fully up to the standard. This condition is doubtless due to the fact that formerly the school year has been short; the changes in teachers, frequent; and the supply of text books, insufficient. With these faults corrected, a few years' time will make a great difference in the schools. I am

pleased to report an improvement in all, and especially in the Churchill School.

Since my first report, considerable improvements have been made upon the buildings at the Hackett and Churchill Schools. Additional windows have been inserted at both, greatly improving the light in both rooms. The Hackett building has been reshingled. Chemical toilets have been installed, and these are working satisfactorily.

Under the new school law, it is required that there shall be medical inspection of the pupils of our schools. We have been fortunate in being able to make arrangements with the Red Cross of Wakefield, whereby we have the services of the Red Cross nurse.

Of the 31 children examined by the nurse, 6 had defective eyesight, 6 had some throat trouble, 12 had defective teeth, and 19 were unvaccinated. As the state law requires that all children in school shall be vaccinated, steps were taken to comply with the law. In several instances, where the child was found to have defective eyes, throat, or teeth, after the parents' attention had been called to this fact by the nurse, action was taken to remedy the defect. On the whole I believe that our health work for the first year has been very satisfactory. I hope that we shall be able to continue the present arrangement with the Red Cross.

In order that all citizens may know how the School District of Brookfield has fared in its dealings with the state, I give the following figures:

The total paid to the state, including that portion of the state tax used for educational purposes, the $2 per capita tax, and the superintendent's excess salary, amounts to $333.46. The amount received from the state is $608.62. It is, therefore, shown that Brookfield has received $275.16 more than it paid to the state, and in addition has had the services of the superintendent free of cost.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the School Board for the help which it has given me, and to express my appreciation of the harmony which has at all times existed in all our relations.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED W. DUDLEY,

Superintendent of Schools.

Marriages Registered in the Town of Brookfield for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1920

DATE AND PLACE OF MARRIAGE	NAME AND SURNAME OF THE GROOM AND BRIDE RESIDENCE OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	AGE IN YEARS	COLOR	NO. OF MAR.	PLACE OF BIRTH OF GROOM AND BRIDE OCCUPATION OF EACH AT TIME OF MARRIAGE	NAME OF FATHER MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	NAME, OFFICIAL STATION AND RESIDENCE OF PERSON BY WHOM MARRIED
Sept. 4 Sanbornville	William H. Nutter Brookfield Flora E. Clow Wolfeboro	28 19	W W	1 2	Fryeburg, Me. Fireman Maplewood, Me. Weaver	Henry Nutter Elizabeth Edgecome Aleck Martin Ruth McGill	P. S. McConnell Clergyman Sanbornville

Births Registered in the Town of Brookfield for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1920

DATE OF BIRTH	NAME OF CHILD	NO. OF CHILD	SEX	LIVING OR STILLBORN	COLOR	NAME OF FATHER MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER	AGE IN YEARS	OCCUPATION OF FATHER RESIDENCE OF PARENTS	BIRTHPLACE OF FATHER BIRTHPLACE OF MOTHER
Feb. 16	Philip Henry	1	M	L	W	Walter F. Rines Grace N. Spiller		Farmer Brookfield	Brookfield Ossipee
Apr. 18	Frances Margaret	3	F	L	W	Wilson Colman Helene P. Chamberlin	47 35	Cattle Dealer Brookfield	Brookfield Brookfield
Oct. 16	Ella Fay	6	F	L	W	James E. Clark Matha A. Hoyt	52 30	Farmer Brookfield	Tuftonboro Rochester

Deaths Registered in the Town of Brookfield for the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1920

Date of Death / Place of Death	Name and Surname of Deceased / Place of Birth of Deceased	Age: Years	Age: Months	Age: Days	Sex	Color	Condition: Single Married or Widowed	Occupation	Name of Father / Maiden Name of Mother
Mar. 18 Brookfield	Albina M. Peavey New Germany, N. S.	46	11	1	F	W	Married	Housewife	Hibbard Robar Rebecca Whorton
Oct. 26 Brookfield	Addie Drew Brookfield	71	10	17	F	W	Widowed	Housewife	John Tibideau
Nov. 24 Brookfield	Louisa M. Tutt Brookfield	67	1	3	F	W	Married	Housewife	James Estes Louisa Roberts

I hereby certify that the foregoing returns are correct, according to the best of my knowledge and belief.

John F. Robinson, *Town Clerk.*